

**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**

18. (Amended) A plastics material section (10, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) made by a method including a step of producing a thermoplastics material part (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) and at least one cycle of steps comprising:

forming a localized opening through an area of said part which is of constant thickness,

heating said part locally by means of a heating probe (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) so as to render said area of said part plastic, and

using a punch (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) to modify the geometry of said area rendered plastic so as to delimit in said part a mechanically weakened area constituting a hole or hole precursor, as claimed in claim 1 and including

said section having a longitudinal succession of mechanically weakened areas forming holes or hole precursors.